GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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TRAFFIC ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether dense population and commercial construction on the sides of National Highways are causing adverse impact on the movement of traffic on National Highways ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the results achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Instances of affecting the traffic adversely on National Highways due to dense population and commercial construction along National Highways have been noticed .

(b)&(c) Several steps such as demolition of unauthorized construction, construction of by-passes of congested city/towns, provision of service roads, construction of lay byes, grade separators etc. are being taken up along various stretches of National Highways as per the availability of funds. To deal with the menace of encroachments and to prevent unauthorized construction Control of National Highways (Land & Traffic) Act,2002 has been brought into force with effect from 27-1-2005. to deal with the problem of enforcement on the National Highways land. Under this Act, 192 Highway Administrations have been set up which are empowered to remove encroachments/unauthorized constructions. These measures result in smooth flow of traffic on National Highways.